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(=- NUMBERS & ODDITIES -=)
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In this column I'd like to deal with the more obscure part of our hobby. Numbers stations, strange sounds, beeps, pips and items about intelligence organizations is what have in mind for the 'Numbers & Oddities' (N&O) column. It is both a difficult and a fascinating part of the hobby. There is little known of the stations I just mentioned and the main part of the information here comes from a bunch of dedicated N&O monitors. It is the result of many, many hours of listening, comparing and discussing the loggings with fellow dxers.

Useful information can be found in Popular Communications, Monitoring Times, the Enigma Newsletter and of course DX-Club bulletins. The following books are also highly recommended: Underground Frequency Guide (Don Schimmel), Secret Signals (Simon Mason), Uno, Dos, Cuatro (Havana Moon) and Intercepting Numbers Stations (Langley Pierce).

The most heard numbers stations are operated by the CIA, Mossad, KGB, MI6 and BND.

In many countries it is prohibited to listen to utility stations, particularly to government or military stations. Therefore I will omit the names of the people who send me their info, unless you want to be mentioned.

Lincolnshire Poacher

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Believed to be operated by MI6 from sites including RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus and aimed towards the Near East. Transmissions are often heavily jammed.

Frequencies (kHz)

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Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	
6959	8302	7887	2000UTC - 0000UTC
6959	8464	9251	2000UTC - 0000UTC
11545	12603	13375	1600UTC - 2000UTC
13375	11545	14487	1200UTC - 1400UTC
14487	15682	16084	1400UTC - 1600UTC

MOSSAD "Phonetic Alphabet" Stations

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Transmissions are in AM but with best results obtained in USB.

Frequency Callsign
(kHz)

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2270	JSR
2957	SYN
3150	PCD, ART
3270	KPA
3417	ART
3840	YHF
4270	PCD
4360	CIO
4463	FTJ
4560	YHF
4665	VLB
4780	KPA, ULX
4880	ULX
5091	JSR
5230	MIW, SYN, VLB, CIO
5339	OEM (occasional)
5437	ART
5531	BAY (occasional)
5629	SYN, CIO
5715	ZWL (occasional)
5820	YHF
5911	OEM (occasional)
6270	ULX
6500	PCD
6745	CIO, VLB
6840	JSR, EZI
6912	OEM (occasional)
7323	???
7446	KPA
7540	JSR
7605	VLB, SYN, CIO
7613	GPO (occasional)
7760	ULX
7918	YHF
8127	CIO, MIW
8465	SYN, CIO
8641	MIW
9130	EZI
9402	YHF
10125	CIO
10648	YHF
10820	VLB
11565	EZI
12747	SYN
12950	MIW
13533	EZI
13921	CIO
14750	CIO, MIW

17410	EZI
19715	EZI
20740	SYN

Oddities: lots of strange noises, pips and beeps can be heard throughout the shortwave spectrum. Many of them are simply hets, natural noises or originate from navigational systems like Omega, Loran and Decca. Other transmissions however, are more difficult to pin-point. Why would someone transmit the time in CW without any form of identification, or what about the stations who transmit the pips and beeps ?

On 4625 kHz a buzzer can be heard 24 hours a day. This one started in the early eighties as a 2-second pip and changed a couple of years ago into the buzzer. The station is located in Byelorussia according to a DF-expert. No-one knows its purpose.

On 4081,3 kHz there is a beep with a duration of 2 seconds which is transmitted every 4 seconds. No id has ever been heard. Another one can be found on 3757,1 kHz. A pip is transmitted every second. No id so far.

Also on 4625 kHz is a strange kinda timesignal station. It is best heard in the late evenings here in Europe and transmits the time (UTC+3 hours) in CW. No id heard. The time UTC+3 is Moscow time. It is unknown if the station transmits from the former USSR. The Middle East is also a possible location.

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'till next time. Please, send me your comments, suggestions and loggings.

CU, Ary